

THE POCAHONTAS TIMES

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The mayor of Alderson has made a formal complaint to the Governor concerning the tanneries at Marlinton and Durbin. We believe that this complaint is made upon insufficient information as to the facts in the case. It is noticeable that the mayor does not give the distance the town of Alderson is situated from the tanneries in question, 70 miles, and 110 miles respectively. The Greenbrier River is a perfect filter and purifies itself in the course of very few miles. The Marlinton people never notice any sign of the Durbin tannery. The Marlinton tannery affects the river on one edge for a distance of two or three miles but the main channel of the river is clear from the place of the tannery down. These tanneries have been under strict supervision and the owners have in addition done cheerfully and willingly all that men could do to settle the water before allowing it to enter the river. Occasionally the ponds have suffered leaks from muskrats but that only happens at intervals of years.

The conditions at the Marlinton tannery are good, and the Durbin tannery made the best disposition it could with a much smaller stream to contend with. We cross the river on an average of six times a day, and being an old river man, always mark the stage of the water. It is second nature with us to watch the river and read the signs indicating what is taking place up the valley.

The tanneries are far a head of the towns in the care that they take not to pollute the streams. Take a large town like Alderson, situated on both banks of Greenbrier river. We have never heard that Alderson was different from any other West Virginia town, and they all use the streams for sewers.

Tannery pollution has a good deal of color to it owing to the bark that is used in the process, but it is a healthy ingredient. The black water is caused by the action of lime and tannic acid and neither are bad so far as health goes. But the sewerage of a large town is a loathsome thing and but for the rocky bottoms of the streams and the speed of the current acting as a perfect filter, there would be all sorts of trouble on account of it.

The fishing in the immediate vicinity of the Marlinton tannery was improved by it for some reason or other. It is not an inviting thing to wade into the river from the east side immediately below the tannery and the village cut-up insists that the black water takes the hair off his legs, but there is nothing unhealthy in it. We have caught hundreds of bass on the east edge of the river in the black water. We have seen many a man stand in the clear water and fish in the black water for bass.

Tannery pollution is as nothing compared to the fatal effects of coal mines on streams. Why not be thorough about the pollution of the streams of West Virginia? When you have investigated the matter as thoroughly as some of the rest of us, you will come to the conclusion that all human life pollutes the streams that it touches, and that nature has a way of purifying the waters that permits life to go on for thousands of years on the banks the streams.

Live and let live.

To qualify as a witness on this question of tanneries and fish, let us give you some intimate details in the life of a well known black bass at this place called Maud. We do not know that that is her true name but it is the name that she is known by.

The bridge is about four hundred yards below the tannery sewer pipes. The old bridge was one of these shut-in covered bridges with one pier, but the new bridge is a concrete structure with beautiful arches and two piers. In the big flood in March you ought to have heard the river roar as it forced its way through openings under the bridge. Below the eastern pier, that is on the tannery side, an island has been formed marking the eastern side of the current in ordinary stages, and to the east of that island is a little eddy of still clear water that Maud selected as the proper incubator to bring forth a few thousand baby bass.

We noticed her in May, and immediately knew that Maud had set up housekeeping in that little eddy. After awhile we discovered the nest. All the large stones and gravel had been removed and fine sand and little pebbles formed the bottom of the nest. It was ringed around by the ordinary debris of the river bottom.

Maud's main work was to watch the nest and see that nothing robbed it of the eggs and in doing this she would lie down stream with her head pointing towards it. Knowing that in this breeding season that she seizes in her mouth any thing that she con-

sidered an enemy, such as crawfish, fishingworm, or the like, we had fears that some of the devilish boys would shake her up over the parapet, for we have a rather untamed set of hellions around this town. They have a false sense of superiority over the useful farmer boys who come to town, and step high and softly among the town tacks. Twenty years from now these briggety town boys will be hewers of wood and drawers of water, and watch those same country boys ride by on blooded horses. Compensation, old man Emerson called it.

But we have one good thing in this town to counteract the baleful influence of town breeding, and that is the Boy Scouts. These boys are being trained to do at least one disinterested act each day, and it greatly improves the breed. We interested Boy Scouts in the fate of Maud, and let it be known generally that if any person hooked Maud there would be law suit about it.

The nest was some twenty-five feet down from the parapet and it was right hard to know just how the interesting family was getting along. You know we naturalists are allowed to rubberneck and claim praise for it. Finally we thought of something. One time we went to an auction and following the custom of buying things that we did not need because they were cheap, had bought a double-bitted axe and a pair of pearl shell opera glasses. So we got out the opera glasses and could see the nest pretty well.

By all means the little bass ought to be about ready to fend for themselves by this time and we rather think that most of them have gone or been eaten up as we cannot see them any more, but Maud still hangs around there, but the way she runs away now when she sees people looking down at her, would indicate that the family was not there now to require her attention.

She would accept a crawfish or a locust. It is likely that the tragedy that awaits every wild thing will materialize in her life on the first day of July when the bass season comes in and the fishing starts in earnest.

Old Aunt Clander was a fat, stylish colored person of a kindly disposition. She went to Sunday school and there the teacher explained to her that the Bible had been written many centuries ago, and Aunt Clander remarked: "How time do fly!" And that was what we felt like saying a few days ago when the seventeen-year locusts (the happy people with the voiceless wives) came on to be heard.

We had seen in the paper that they had appeared down below but had paid little or no attention to it, as they are somewhere every year. The first intimation that they were to sing in this part of the country was one morning as day was breaking. Just outside of the window were strings for vines and as we woke up gradually it seemed that the vine had grown in the night and that there were leaves there. But presently one of the leaves appeared to crawl and then we knew that it was some kind of a winged insect. These were the locusts crawling out of their cases and getting ready to dry their wings preparing to take flight.

Pretty soon reports came in from different parts of the county about the locusts. They are only in spots. They can be heard a great distance but at some places the sound is absent. These insects are mostly noise. The males are nothing but animated accordions and they tune up and play when the sun shines upon them. When the air is right and the bellows working, the sound of an old locust can be heard upwards of a mile. The insect may be killed and dead, and yet the bellows may be manipulated by the naturalist so that the sound is given out.

It is pretty certain that they do not eat anything. It is probable that they drink the juice of trees, and this together with their powerful ripping and boring tools when they lay the eggs in the trees cause a lot of damage to fruit and forest trees.

They often split small twigs and if they bore in a circle around a twig they kill it. They attack the trunks of trees also.

They are seen in the greatest numbers flying around the tops of medium sized trees and when the sun is shining the roar is continual. It establishes in time a condition of tolerance so that it is not noticed. The sound is endured as is any regular noise like the rinning of a mill or the noise of a small stream.

A locust year is a good year for fish and fowls. The greatest number of locusts at any place in the neighborhood of this city is at the point of the hill at the Corner Oaks, the foot of Marlins Mountain. Oak timber predominates at this place. The large number of chickens about town are having an easy time. They eat until they can eat no more, and then go round looking silly with locusts in their mouths, so full that they cannot not swallow them, having no vest pocket or bait box to put them in, and unwilling to let them go.

A man caught a two pound trout in Locust Creek the other day with

the right kind of bait for that stream. He caught a number of other large trout the same day and their maws were found to be full of these insects. How do they get them? They cannot chase over the grass like chickens, and not enough would fall into the water to fill them up. It may be that the locusts come to the water to wet their whistles, or it may be that they settle for the night on blades of grass or leaves close to the bank and the trout pick them off that way. Birds catch locusts on the wing. Before the locusts got so plentiful there were a lot of raincrows that kept up a continual calling: "Cow, cow, cow, cow-uh!" all day long and at night. The cow bird, or yellow billed cuckoo, the greatest insect eater that ever lived. The other day we waited and waited for one to give tongue, when we were discussing the bird with a friend who was affecting an interest in natural history. But any cow-bird sounded. Probably too full for utterance.

We discussed the question of trying them the other day for war food, but fell out over whether they should be treated as a salad or cooked like greens. There is no particular reason why they would not be as attractive as snails.

They are here in great numbers. They are everywhere. In the porch, in the shrubbery, in the basket of eggs, in the mail bags, in the stores, and when a locust gets penned up, if he is a male, there comes a fair imitation of the crescendo of an able bodied rattlesnake that would cause any snake-shy man to take particular notice.

On the wings of the locust there is a neat W, put on as it were by a good scribe, in India ink, and it stands as all ways for double U. That is what the locust drums out. Listen to one held in the hand and hear it drum U U U U U, in long series.

A certain neighborhood in this county noted for its fine cooks and good living was considerably agitated over the question of entertaining a Sunday School Convention, because they could not get white flour to make good things to eat. Fiddlesticks! It is taken for granted that black bread and corn bread are the only fashionable breads this year and that for the first time in the history of living man the host must apologize for setting before his guest, good white bread.

You can travel far and wide in the United States and find in the finest hotels and in the palatial dining cars no white bread. The caterers pride themselves upon its absence. There are all the good things to eat that there ever were, but the wheat bread is absent.

As long as Pocahontas cooks know as much about making corn bread as they do, wheat flour can be sent to the heathen for all we care. It can be seen how the Marthas of the community would worry for the fair name of their neighborhood, but when wheat bread is out of fashion, that same spirit should be the one that would prescribe the use of white bread.

Be it remembered, however, that corn bread made right is the best bread there is, and that cornbread made wrong is not fit for a dog to eat. So learn the art of making cornbread. Artem quaevis alit terra—Every land fosters some kind of art. In Pocahontas it is the art of making cornbread.

One of the ugliest things that has come to the top like scum, is the occasional criticism of Judge Goff's absence from the sessions of the Senate on account of illness. Judge Goff is a man of advanced years and one of the few generals of the Civil War who are still living, and his name has been written high in annals of the state, as a general, an able lawyer, banker, financier, judge and senator. West Virginia owes much to him. He did not seek the senatorship. If the old man does not feel like sitting through the long dreary sessions, let him take his ease at his own fireside. If he is one tenth part the man that we formerly knew, he is still better than a noisy and unsafe modern public man.

Choose carefully the men who are to go to Congress this year. Do not place the President between two fires—the fire of the Germans in front and a hostile Congress in the rear. With the flower of our men in the army it is a matter that affects directly every family in America.

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Announcements

UNITED STATES SENATOR
Fairmont, West Virginia,
May 22, 1918.

To the Voters of West Virginia:
I respectfully announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator subject to the primary election of August 6th, 1918.
C. W. WATSON.

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To the people of the counties of Greenbrier and Pocahontas, which together make the 20th Judicial Circuit:
I am a candidate for office of Judge of the Circuit Court of the counties of Greenbrier and Pocahontas for the term, which commences after the election on the 5th day of November, 1918, and ends on the 31st day of December, 1920, subject to the action of the Democratic Party of such counties in convention assembled for the nomination of a candidate for such office.
LOCKHART M. McCLINTIC,
Marlinton, W. Va.
May 6th, 1918.

COMMISSIONER OF COURT
To the Voters of Pocahontas County:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of Commissioner of the County Court of Pocahontas County, for the six-year term, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the primary election to be held on the 6th day of August, 1918.
DR. U. H. HANNAH.

We are authorized to announce W. H. Barlow a candidate for Commissioner County Court, for term beginning November 5 and ending Jan. 1, 1922, subject to the action of the Democratic voters.

We are authorized to announce R. S. Hickman of Greenbank District, a candidate for Commissioner of the County Court for the long term beginning January 1, 1919, subject to the action of the Republican voters in the general primary election of August 4, 1918.

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Yours respectfully,
B. B. HAMRICK,
Cass, W. Va.

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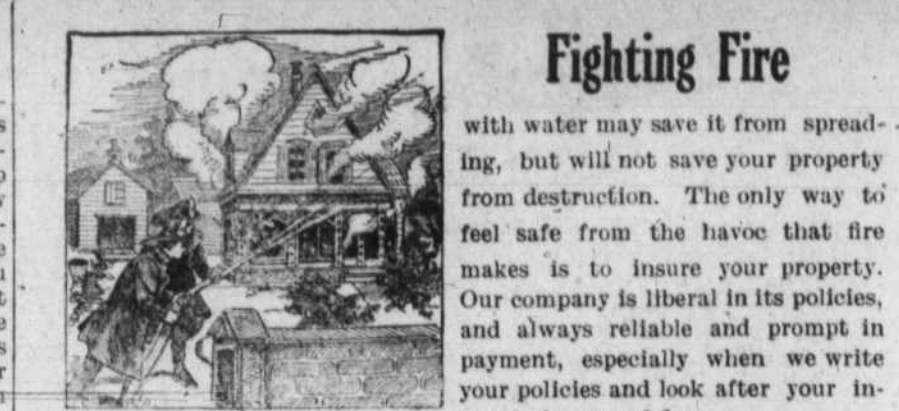
Dr. E. D. Wells

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STRAYED from the Winfred McElwee place on Spruce Knob seven ewes which should have lambs by this time. These ewes have ear labels in ear marked S. Sheets, also have reel paint. Any one advising me where to get these sheep as any part of them will be well paid further trouble.
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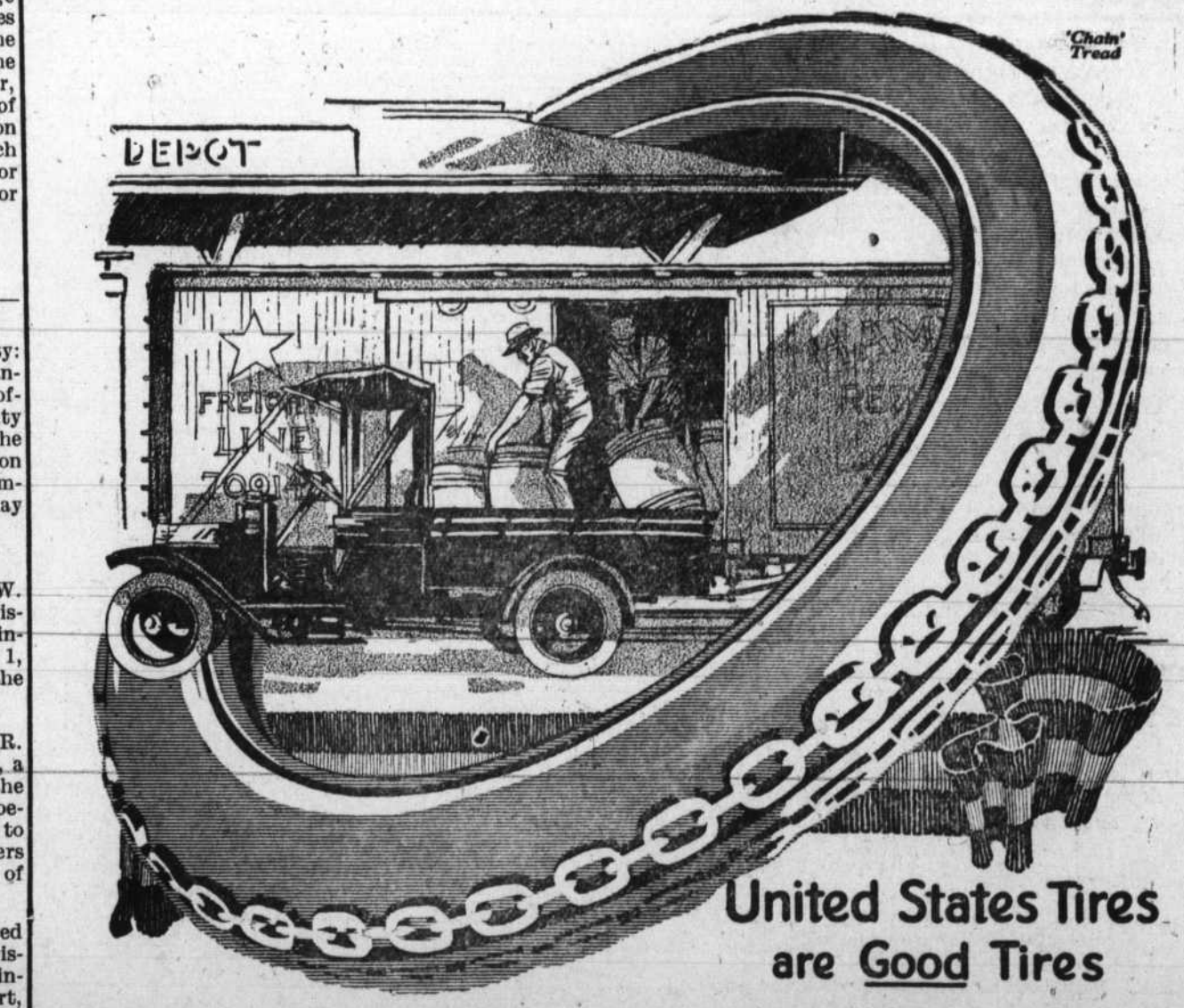
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